

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 and 20-24 have been deleted.

Claims 15, 17, 18, and 19 have been amended.


Claims 25 – 72 have been added.

Claims 15, 17, 18, and 19 have been rewritten to be in independent form by incorporating the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim according to the Examiner's suggestions. The Applicant amended these claims in order to place this Application in a condition for quick allowance. Because claim 16 depends from claim 15, this claim is also in a condition for allowance.

The limitations of claims 2 through 14 have been added as new dependent claims to each of the independent claims 15, 17, 18, and 19 as new claims 25-72. Because these claims contain additional limitations to the claims 15, 17, 18, and 19, they are also in a condition of allowance.

Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below listed telephone number.

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(ii)**

Please amend the existing claims as follows:

15. (Amended) A ventricular patch adapted for placement into the left ventricle of a heart, comprising:
a sheet of biocompatible material, and
a plurality of markings coupled to the sheet, wherein the markings are configured in distinct patterns for post operatively evaluating movement of the patch and wherein the markings form a plurality of equally spaced substantially parallel lines.

17. (Amended) A ventricular patch adapted for placement into the left ventricle of a heart, comprising:
a sheet of biocompatible material, and
a plurality of markings coupled to the sheet, wherein the markings are configured in distinct patterns for post operatively evaluating movement of the patch and wherein the markings form a uniform grid of horizontal and vertical lines.

18. (Amended) A ventricular patch adapted for placement into the left ventricle of a heart, comprising:
a sheet of biocompatible material, and
a plurality of markings coupled to the sheet, wherein the markings are configured in distinct patterns for post operatively evaluating movement of the patch and wherein the markings form a pattern of equally spaced concentric circles having different diameters.

19. (Amended) A ventricular patch adapted for placement into the left ventricle of a heart, comprising:
a sheet of biocompatible material, and
a plurality of markings coupled to the sheet, wherein the markings are configured in distinct patterns for post operatively evaluating movement of the patch and wherein the markings form a pattern of lines radiating from a single point.